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Students become "Recycle Maniacs"

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

SU has joined more than 400 other schools from over 40 states for the intercollegiate recycling competition known as RecycleMania.

"We've already got a well established recycling program, but RecycleMania has given us a chance to get into the residence halls and really encourage recycling where it's needed," grounds and horticultural manager Rebecca Rosing-Johnson said. "Plus we get to see how we compare to other universities."

RecycleMania is a 10-week contest to see which university can reduce, reuse and recycle the most waste overall. It is divided into two divisions: those competing with their entire campus and those, like SU, using a partial population.

"We set up the divisions so that no matter how big or small the

school, they can still compete," Collegiate Programs manager for the National Recycling Coalition Alex Cooley said. "Some of the best recyclers are small schools, and by calculating it per capita, we can see which school recycles the most percentage of waste."

Each division in turn has several categories of competition including the Per Capita Classic and Waste Minimization.

From those categories, RecycleMania awards a Grand Champion based on who recycles the most overall percentage of their solid waste, as well as the schools that collect the most paper, beverage containers, cardboard and food waste for recycling.

RecycleMania is about rallying students and faculty towards recycling and waste prevention programs, Cooley said. "The winners will receive special plaques made from recycled materials and bragging rights over rival universities."

According to the Web site, by framing recycling in competitive terms, RecycleMania taps into the same intercollegiate spirit that drives sports rivalries.

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Press Release photo

Horticulture and Grounds manager Rebecca Rosing-Johnson, student Aaron Riley and recycling coordinator Tara Finney get excited.

"America's Black Patriot" showcases 17th century black slave owner

By Brandon M. Smith
Staff Writer

Performer James A. Cameron came to Salisbury University last Wednesday to present "America's Black Patriot" living history program, a part of the African American History Month speaker series.

Cameron's performance depicted John Rollison, a free African American born in 1725, who was able to acquire vast amounts of wealth through self determination and hard work.

Walking onto the stage as the reenacted Rollison, Cameron was garbed in the traditional seventeenth century clothing. His riding boots, flowing black cape and tricorn hat only helped to make this former basketball player transform



Brandon Smith photo

"America's Black Patriot," performer James A. Cameron.

into his historical counterpart.

Cameron engaged the audience in an open and frank discourse as his alter ego on subjects ranging from his acquisition of wealth to his multiple marriages. When one audience member stated he was from the future, Cameron in character replied, "You sir, are a loony."

As a free black man, Rollison himself owned nine slaves; however, when asked about his opinion on slavery he made his view on the matter clear.

"I hope that we will all one day as Americans be given our freedom. Slavery is an abomination and there will be consequences for it. As Americans it is hard for us to justify our quest for freedom while men are enslaved," Cameron said.

Out of character, at the end of his performance, Cameron talked to the audience on the historical figure, John Rollison. The dialogue, however, ranged from the influence of hip-hop on youth culture to Barack Obama's presidential run. He also shared his views on life in America from a black perspective.

When asked about the goal of his performance Cameron said that his main purpose is to educate and dispel commonly held myths about history. He wants to make people aware of a successful African American during a time period where the misconception is one of brutality and bondage.

Cameron closed the discussion on an inspirational note saying, "America is the only country in the world where, if you have an idea no one can stop you from achieving it. The only person who can stop you from being successful is yourself. We all have the capacity to be as great or as small as we choose to be."

Vagina Monologues stimulates campus

By Sara Sutton
Staff Writer

VAGINA... does that make you uncomfortable? It doesn't for the 19 women who served as the cast for the fifth annual "Vagina Monologues," and the over 500 people who came to see the perform-

ance this past weekend.

"The Monologues" were put on by a cast of 19 girls, and directed by Emily Jablonski, third year performer and theater major at SU. All proceeds are donated to the Life Crisis Center of Salisbury, and since its start the show has raised over \$15,000 for the center. SGA Groups

like Amnesty International and SAGE had tables at the event along with nine different raffles and the famous vagina cookies.

"The Vagina Monologues" is not just a performance but a movement. Started by Eve Ensler in 1998, the Vagina Monologues' campaign is in its tenth year and has proclaimed it is just beginning and will not stop until violence against women stops.

The movement, called "V-Day," started when Ensler interviewed thousands of women from all different backgrounds about their vaginas and then in turn took their stories and wrote what became "The Vagina Monologues." The monologues are uplifting and can simultaneously make one feel anger, passion and joy and knock you out of your seat with laughter.

"What better way to raise awareness than just presenting statistics? These stories are from real women," Jablonski said.

The show changes every year with at least one new monologue added and a different cause highlighted. This year the Vagina Monologues highlighted New Orleans and its

suffering since the storm. The women still struggling there have been named "Katrina Warriors."

The show at SU also added a transgender piece giving voice to those who feel trapped within their own bodies and the social stigma put upon them.

The V-day movement is held in over 40 countries and every state in the U.S., bringing the total number of events taken place to over 2700.

"In one year we raised 4 to 6 million dollars. That is the cost of 10 minutes of the war in Iraq. One out of three women on the planet will be beaten or raped. You do the math," stated Ensler in a letter addressed to all who visit the Web site.

"By raising money and consciousness, it will unify and strengthen existing anti-violence efforts. Triggering far-reaching awareness, it will lay the groundwork for new educational, protective and legislative endeavors throughout the world," said the official V-Day Web site.

At SU's Vagina Monologues the girls work hard to do just that. With

weeks of preparation and practice the girls try hard to represent their monologue in a manner that will be both entertaining and uplifting.

Every year the SU "Vagina Monologues" picks a "vagina warrior." This is usually a person who dedicates a great amount of time to the cause," Jablonski said.

This year Sarah Wells and Mieke Gentis were honored with this title due to their dedication as performers and advocates for three years in a row.

Gentis was amazed by how great the campaign is and was happy to find something that supported what she was so strongly interested in.

"It really creates social change and awareness. It opens people's eyes to different things; especially the Bosnian women, most people don't know that rape is still used as a war tactic," Gentis said.

The monologues are not just for women either. Every year the girls see more and more men in the audience who come in a little timid but leave with the smile of a good time. Although men can not perform they can, however, help out.

Adrienne Price photo

Student Casey Williams performs "The Flood," one of the scenes in this year's "Vagina Monologues," held this past weekend at SU.

Volunteers needed for 2008 NCUR Conference

By Michel Elben
Staff Writer

Would you like the opportunity to mingle with the great young minds of today and hear the insights of the nation's leading specialists in their fields? Interested in a free t-shirt to commemorate that event? A team of volunteers is desperately needed for the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). SU welcomes 2,788 of the nation's undergraduate scholars to Salisbury's second NCUR this April.

"We are looking for approximately 500 to 600 volunteers," said Heather Holmes, NCUR volunteer coordinator and SU's director of Student Activities, Organizations and Leadership. "Any students, faculty and staff who are willing to help are welcome."

Volunteers may sign up to help with various activities before, during and after the conference

including stuffing conference packets, providing airport shuttles, monitoring poster sessions or setting up for the beach party.

"Volunteers may select what they would like to do. We need help with everything from distributing food to setting up and breaking down rooms, to putting up signs and manning registration and information tables," Holmes said. All volunteers will receive a free conference shirt.

Dr. Ronald L. Dotterer, NCUR Board of Governors Conference Host and Professor of English said, "The NCUR conference is an important measure of student engagement and excellence in their own field."

Another benefit is the opportunity to network with other bright and exciting students and faculty from 399 campuses across the United States.

Abstracts were submitted from every state and more than half of the US territories. Ten of those

proposed were from students studying abroad, including two from Nepal, one from Chad and one from Armed Forces Europe.

"The abstracts were reviewed by the corresponding departments here on campus. 82 percent were accepted. They were submitted through e-mail and Web site solicitation," Dotterer explained.

Dotterer said the projects usually advanced senior undergraduate assignments under collaboration with their professors. 40 percent are presented in poster format. The rest are given in an oral session. Some presentations are

given by creative writers, musicians, theater majors and other visual artists.

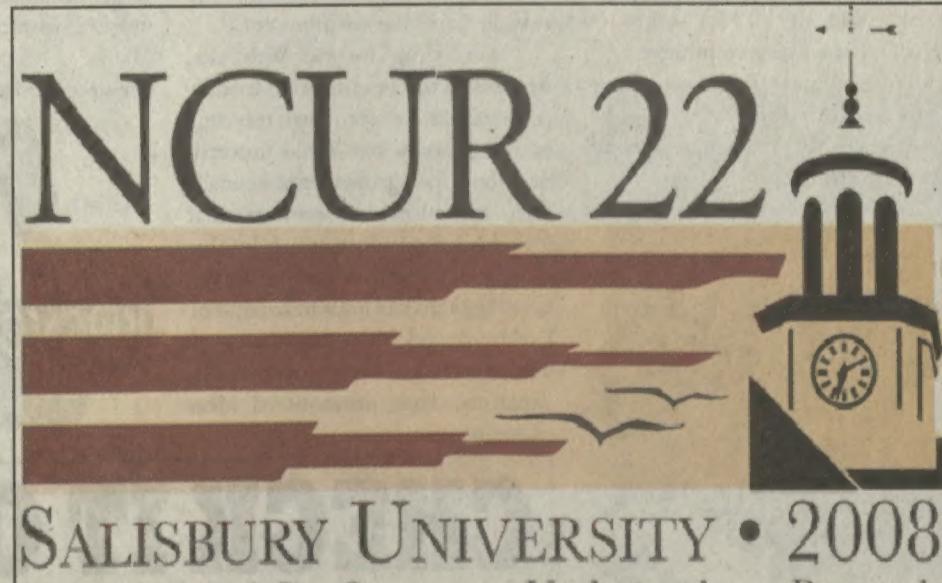
"They come from all disciplines.

Salisbury is the first university to

have a comprehensive balance of liberal arts and sciences.

"It's a great way to meet people

and find out about other institutions," Dotterer said.



500 - 600 volunteers are needed for the 2008 NCUR Conference. Students who are interested should contact Heather Holmes, director of OSAO & L.

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Legislators put the brakes on texting while driving

SU Celebrates African American History Month

Through first-person accounts by dancers and witnesses, the series documents how African-derived movement and other forms of dance were fused to make modern dance so distinctively American. SU's African-American History Month celebration culminates with Steve Birdine's "Affirmations in Action: Diversity Made Simple" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the Montgomery Room of the Commons. A nationally known speaker and the author of *A Common Sense Approach to Retaining Students of Color*, Birdine has been named one of Ebony magazine's "100+ Most Influential Blacks in the United States."

All African-American History Month events are free unless otherwise noted. For more information call 410-548-4503 or visit the SU Web site at www.salsbury.edu.

"Into Intuition" opens SU's art gallery this spring

Six of Philadelphia's leading artists exhibit their works at Salisbury University Jan. 18-April 6 as "Into Intuition: Towards a Redefinition" opens the University Galleries' 2008 season.

Artists include David Foss, James Fuhrman, Michelle Marcuse, Antonio Puri, Tremain Smith and Vincent Romaniello. The exhibit, located in the University Gallery of Fulton Hall, is curated by Alexandra Nemero of New York. The two receptions are from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21 and Thursday, April 17, in conjunction with the American Visionary, Alex Grey film screening series.

By Michelle Hinkle
Staff Writer



Maryland legislators introduced a bill that would outlaw texting while operating a vehicle. The bill is intended to "keep eyes on the road and off of cell phones."

Sarah Wright photo

and burst into flames. A long list of calls and text messages were visible on the driver's cell phone in the minutes leading up to the accident. Authorities said that a message was received by the phone less than one minute before the first 911 call was made.

School bus drivers are faced with restrictions similar to those in effect against teens. In 15 states officers can stop a school bus if the driver is using a cell phone.

While most laws require a primary violation to occur before reprimanding cell phone use, school bus drivers are held to higher standards. Concerned parents agree that the safety of their children takes precedence over the bus driver's conversation.

Car accidents continue to top the

charts as the leading cause of death for young people. The NTSB said that more than 120 drivers age 15 to 24 die in the United States every week.

Cellular service providers report that more than 158 billion text messages were sent and received in 2006. The leading texting while driving culprits fall into the 18 to 24 age group. An estimated 66 percent of these drivers admit to sending messages from behind the wheel.

Last June tragedy struck Rochester, New York, when five girls were killed in a head-on collision less than one week after graduating from high school. The young driver's SUV had just passed another car when it swerved back into oncoming traffic and collided with a tractor trailer

RECYCLE

During last year's competition, University of California reproached rival Stanford University in a YouTube video that called the Cardinals "newbies."

Stanford proved them wrong by coming in second in the Gorilla Prize, which weighs total waste tonnage, and third in the targeted waste paper category.

From Jan. 27 to April 5 SU is competing in the Per Capita Classic, which measures the total amount of recyclables collected per student and is entered in for the gorilla prize, which measures total waste recycled by weight.

"A lot of what people throw out can be recycled," Rosing-Johnson said. "They had a decorate-your-own recycling bin night and now there are fun bins around the dorms. I have always been a fan of recycling and think that we should work hard to take care of our trash, but mostly I'm looking for those points for Spring Olympics, because I want to win."

"We wanted to bring in new people who haven't participated in Relay before to educate them about the organization and what it does for people," said Agata Liszkowska, the relay advisor of the event.

"We really wanted to go all out to show people what this year's Relay event is going to be like. The room was entirely decorated in the Hollywood cityscape and the Hollywood hills. We wanted them to stick around for the entire event," said Maria Jensen, a co-chair of the Relay for Life committee.

Kick-off stood as the chance for students, administration and faculty alike, to learn more about Relay and the commitment it takes to be a team captain or participant, and for everyone to become more enthusiastic about Relay.

Dr. Rosemary Thomas spoke at kick-off regarding her inspiration for being involved and reinforced

RECYCLE

According to Cooley, in 2007 the number of contestants doubled from the previous year to over 200 schools battling for recyclable glory. That effort produced 41.3 million total pounds of recycled materials, up from approximately 18 million in 2006.

It is administered by the National Recycling Coalition and organized by participating recycling coordinators, Cooley said. The competition is endorsed by the coalition's College and University Recycling Council and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WasteWise program. Financial and promotional support is provided by The Coca-Cola Company.

"I think this is pretty fun," freshman Kelly Arington said. "They had a decorate-your-own recycling bin night and now there are fun bins around the dorms. I have always been a fan of recycling and think that we should work hard to take care of our trash, but mostly I'm looking for those points for Spring Olympics, because I want to win."

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U.S. sniper convicted of murdering Iraqi civilian



Internet photo
Sgt. Evan Vela (shown above) will receive 10 years in prison for murdering Genie Nasir al-Janabi.

By Steven Reddick
Staff Writer

A US Army sniper was found guilty of murdering an Iraqi civilian on Feb. 10 and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

According to the Associated Press, Sgt. Evan Vela, 24, was in a "hide" with five other soldiers from his unit when Genie Nasir al-Janabi and his seventeen-year-old son, Mustafa, stumbled upon the group. The two Iraqis were detained, but Mustafa was quickly released. According to Vela, al-Janabi began causing a commotion which the army unit interpreted as a signal to alert a nearby group of specialists to private.

According to the US Army, snipers have a particularly hard and specialized job with exceptional hazards. Often sniper units are sent out for extended periods of time where they are subjected to the elements and receive little food and rest. Snipers are expected, at any moment, to be able to deliver "up to a 600 yard shot" on the kill zone of a man-sized target "with 90% accuracy."

Vela's unit, part of 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, had been hiding and digging in the field for 72 hours and had been a military target.

According to Hensley, the unit's commanders had been putting more pressure on army snipers to get "more kills." "There was defi-

nately some pressure. If we came back from a mission and we didn't get kills, we were talked to," said Hensley in an AP press conference.

Vela's trial was the last of three snipers assumed to be associated with a string of recent murders and other crimes against Iraqi civilians in Mahmudiya, a city 20 miles south of Baghdad. One of the most prominent cases was the rape of a young girl and the murder of her and her family.

Among the other men tried in Vela's unit was specialist Jorge G. Sandoval. Sandoval was not charged with murder in a case not involving an unarmed Iraqi civilian." Vela, who is from St. Anthony, Idaho, was found guilty by a military jury and sentenced to ten years in prison. Vela's prison time in Kuwait would be credited to his sentence.

The war in Iraq has been met with very low domestic sentiment, and many see its parallels with the war in Vietnam. Unlike Vietnam, however, Iraq has received much more media coverage and attention to injustices. Many atrocities were committed in Vietnam such as the My Lai massacre and the American public does not want to see a repeat of that in Iraq.

"I don't remember pulling the trigger. I don't remember the sound of the shot. It took me a few seconds to realize that the shot came from my pistol," said Vela in his testimony about shooting al-Janabi. "He was convulsing on the ground and I thought he might be suffering. I just didn't want him to suffer. It was something I've never seen and I got a bit scared," said Vela to the court about the second pistol shot, which missed the dying al-Janabi.

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"I don't remember pulling the trigger. I don't remember the sound of the shot. It took me a few seconds to realize that the shot came from my pistol," said Vela in his testimony about shooting al-Janabi. "He was convulsing on the ground and I thought he might be suffering. I just didn't want him to suffer. It was something I've never seen and I got a bit scared," said Vela to the court about the second pistol shot, which missed the dying al-Janabi.

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According to the Associated Press, Sgt. Evan Vela, 24, was in a "hide" with five other soldiers from his unit when Genie Nasir al-Janabi and his seventeen-year-old son, Mustafa, stumbled upon the group. The two Iraqis were detained, but Mustafa was quickly released. According to Vela, al-Janabi began causing a commotion which the army unit interpreted as a signal to alert a nearby group of specialists to private.

According to the US Army, snipers have a particularly hard and specialized job with exceptional hazards. Often sniper units are sent out for extended periods of time where they are subjected to the elements and receive little food and rest. Snipers are expected, at any moment, to be able to deliver "up to a 600 yard shot" on the kill zone of a man-sized target "with 90% accuracy."

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By Sean Gossard
News/Global Editor

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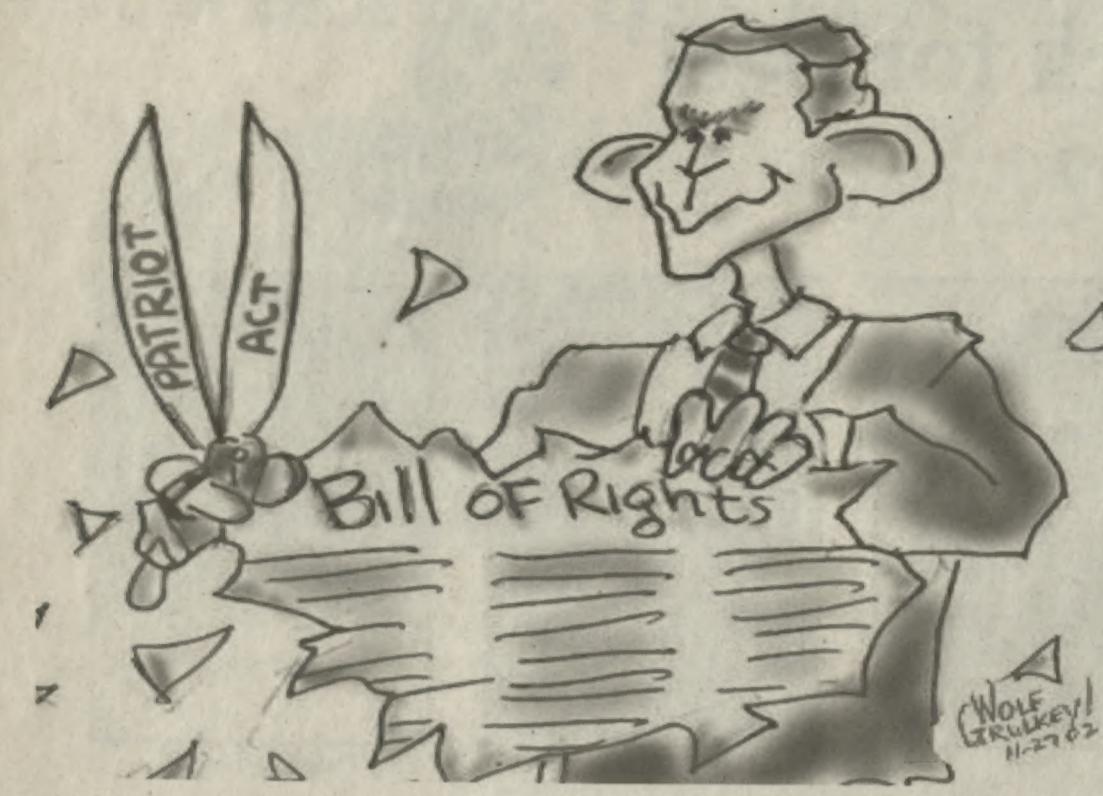
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PATRIOT Act enhanced by new bill Spying on Americans will be easier



By Derek Pettinelli
Staff Writer

With Bush's term coming down to the wire, more questionable decisions will be made because all the emphasis on a new president means the old one can seemingly get away with a lot more. Probably one of his most controversial decisions since the PATRIOT Act is one that is related to it because of its emphasis on slowly degrading personal liberties. Civil liberty groups across the nation are decrying Bush's warrantless wire-tapping program, which allows for easy domestic spying on Americans. No longer would a warrant signed by a judge be required for the government to install permanent wiretapping abilities on telephone and internet services, making "Big Brother" all the more real. In essence, any person could be spied on and have information collected without their knowledge and without a warrant. This bill directly contrasts the 4th amendment, which protects Americans against unreasonable search and seizure.

On February 12, the Senate passed a bill which allowed for

retroactive immunity to telecommunication corporations who broke the law to spy on Americans and gave that information to the government, without anyone checking the validity of it. This means a steeper uphill battle for civil liberties groups engaging in lawsuits against companies like AT&T and Verizon for turning over millions of Americans' phone and internet records to the government without a court order. The vote was passed 68-29 after an unsuccessful filibuster attempt from Christopher Dodd (D, CT) who spoke for more than 20 hours to try and stall the bill. Steps to remove freedoms have already progressed with nonsense legislation like The Protect America Act of 2007, which amended the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. Adjustments to that law allowed electronic monitoring of communications "reasonably believed to be outside the United States" without a court's order or oversight. Currently, it still requires a court order to conduct electronic surveillance or physical search when targeting persons located in the United States.

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Campaign 2012 in full swing

By Mary Simonds
Staff Writer

As I'm sure many of us would agree, Salisbury University is a great campus with a great faculty who try their best to accommodate all of our needs. However, Salisbury University's recent Faculty Master Plan and Institutional Strategic Plan studies show that SU needs some improving. Faculty, staff, students and alumni participated in these studies, along with some of the nation's most well-known planning firms. The results from these studies have paved the way to a bright future for SU and Campaign 2012 is that this will be a great benefit for SU students.

I'm sure many would agree that the library is in need of improvement. In fact, the Campaign 2012 researchers had found ways to live longer regardless of chronic illness, heart disease and diabetes. Perhaps people are not meant to live to such an age with chronic illness. Perhaps it's merely a question of religion. Are these people playing God when they seek out ways of increasing longevity? Regardless of the controversial aspect of religion, what is the quality of life with chronic disease? If one is simply fighting off the angel of death for the sake of being alive, is it worth it?

I would like to encourage students to go to a series of workshops that will be offered next week to students, staff, faculty, board members and every member of the campus community to express your opinion about what makes SU distinctive. This will help with the planning efforts for Campaign 2012.

Generous alumni of Salisbury University have been major contributors to the Campaign 2012 efforts. Encourage graduates that you know to contribute to the improvement of Salisbury University because every cent counts.

I do not think that most students realize the changes that are currently taking place on our campus.

On Salisbury University's main page there is a Campaign 2012 link where you can find all the information you need, including detailed descriptions of what the campaign entails, how much progress has been made and what you can do to help. I encourage every student to tell their friends and family about the changes that are underway because Campaign 2012 can only benefit from your help.



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The end of honest representation

By Sarah Lake
Resident of the 1st District of MD

I am writing this piece not as the Editor in Chief of this newspaper, but as a concerned resident of the First District of Maryland. My personal values and beliefs should in no way politically categorize The Flyer.

In the Feb. 12 Maryland primaries, Baltimore County Sen. Andy Harris unseated U.S. Rep. Wayne Gilchrest, winning the Republican nomination by 11 percentage points.

Traditionally, the loser makes a concession call to the victor, offering their congratulations and good wishes. Gilchrest has yet to make this call, according to his campaign manager, Tony Caligari, he never will. Why, you ask? "I really don't want to congratulate unseemly behavior," Gilchrest said in a Feb. 14 Washington Post interview.

I will now offer my own concession to Andy Harris: Congratulations. Your despicably dirty campaigning and gross misrepresentation of Wayne Gilchrest has paid off. Try as you will, but I would bet my left leg that you will not have the same luck in the November election. The 22,000 Republicans who voted for Wayne Gilchrest in the primaries see right through you. They will vote for Frank Kratovil.

Throughout this entire campaign, Harris has done everything within his power to tarnish Wayne Gilchrest's good name. He deemed Gilchrest a "dirty trickster," accusing him of encouraging Republican challenger Robert Banks to enter the race in order to divide the anti-Gilchrest vote, breaking a pledge with the Americans for Tax Reform in which he supposedly stated that he would never raise taxes, and going back on his word to never accept Political Action Committee (PAC) contributions.

Evan Bayh (D-IN), Tom Carper (D-DE), Robert Casey (D-PA), Kent Conrad (D-ND), Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Mary Landrieu (D-LA) Joe Lieberman (ID-CT), Blanche Lincoln (D-AR), Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Bill Nelson (D-FL), Ben Nelson (D-NE), Mark Pryor (D-AR), Jay Rockefeller (D-WV), Ken Salazar (D-CO), Jim Webb (D-VA), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

I will not go into grave detail concerning how Gilchrest responded to each of these accusations. Both Gilchrest and Banks have denied that Banks was lured into the campaign. Gilchrest denies ever signing a pledge with the Americans for Tax Reform and the Harris campaign could not come up with an actual copy of this pledge. And Gilchrest began accepting PAC money as a defensive move since Harris had collected over \$46,000 in PAC contributions.

The congressman's main "flaw," as

outlined by his opponents, is his tendency to vote like a "liberal." According to waynegilchrestsilber.com, a Web site sponsored by Club for Growth, Gilchrest has voted more often with democratic leadership than with GOP leadership.

Gilchrest's response? "I think it is absurd, bordering on being ridiculous, stupid, to categorize in such a confining fashion when the complexity of the issues today deserve the highest intellect, initiative and ingenuity to figure out," he said.

Gilchrest has been known to vote with his conscience as opposed to consistently siding with the Republican Party for fear of not being re-elected. In a letter to the editors of every newspaper within the 1st District of Maryland, Wayne's wife, Barbara, expressed her disgust with officials who labeled Wayne as a "liberal." "Wayne is not only my husband, he is my representative also. And I am proud to be represented by one who is not confined in his thinking, actions and dealings with representatives on both sides; all of whom are Americans first and foremost," she wrote. "To be partisan and guided wholly by party platitudes fosters narrow-mindedness and demonstrates in a subtle way, an immaturity by rejecting other Americans' thoughts and ideas."

Harris released countless television, mail, radio and newspaper attack ads targeted toward Gilchrest. Harris' Web site was plastered with anti-Gilchrest press releases, articles, etc. Wayne did respond with a few attack

Rapp is one of the people in charge of organizing Green Drinks Delmarva. He is joined by representatives from various environmental organizations around the region, including the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy and the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. These groups are hoping to get people involved to come out and support the environment. The Chesapeake Bay area is home to around 17 million people and is one of the nation's greatest treasures. It has also been the victim of many problems due to all types of pollutants; from agriculture runoff to automobiles. This pollution has the potential to seriously affect the habitat of plants, animals and people in the area. Part of the Green Drinks mission is to make people aware of these problems.

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Raising Disability Awareness on SU campus

By Emily Doss
Staff Writer

Approximately one in every 30 students on SU's campus has some form of a registered disability. That means when you are on your way to lunch at the Commons, or looking around a classroom lecture hall full of students, you are seeing someone who has a disability.

Disabilities range from epilepsy to Attention Deficit Disorder, and they can affect individuals in different ways. For some people, their disability may mean having to read their text books twice over. For others, their disability may involve having to sit close to the board, or having someone take notes for them.

"People with disabilities are, above all, people," said Nikki Dyer, Student Disabilities Support Services Coordinator. "Their disabilities may be a part of their identity but one's disability does not

define who they have been in the past, who they are in the present, or who they can become in the future."

Sometimes, people feel awkward about approaching a person with a disability. Other times, people are afraid they may say something wrong or offensive.

The important thing, like Dyer said, is to remember before anything else: people are people, and not just their disability. For example, if someone got a terrible sunburn, no one would refer to them as "sunburn boy." So why should anyone refer to someone with epilepsy as "epileptic boy?"

One important thing to remember when addressing someone who uses a wheelchair, is to make sure and use the term "someone who uses a wheelchair" as opposed to



Sarah Wright photo
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saying "someone who is wheelchair-bound" or "someone who is confined to a wheel chair," as the latter terms can be seen as somewhat demeaning or derogative.

Also, keep in mind that people should not be viewed as just one way or another. A person isn't either disabled or healthy. It is offensive to say "someone who is healthy" or "someone who is normal" when referring to an individual who does not have a disability.

"Interacting with someone with a disability helps people without disabilities see first hand how disabilities can impact a person's life," Dyer said.

If you would like to learn more about disability awareness, go and visit local community groups that offer

support to disabled individuals. If you, or anyone you know, want to become more informed and knowledgeable about varying types of disabilities, put yourself in places where information is offered and where you will be forced to meet and interact with people.

If going out to local community groups seems like a bit too much for you, sit down with someone in the cafeteria and get to know them, or reach out to someone who seems to be having a rough day. It is a simple act that could mean the world to someone else. By offering to take notes for someone who needs them, or simply opening the door for someone, you are doing acts of kindness that will not go unnoticed. Little acts can go a long way. Students should be more aware of and helpful to the disabled community.

For more information, visit <http://www.salisbury.edu/students/dss/>.

Go green with Green Drinks Delmarva

By Jillian Verpent
Staff Writer

The environment is becoming one of the hottest topics around, and it's bringing people of all different backgrounds together to "go green." The Delmarva community is getting involved too. The area will be host to the first Green Drinks event held on the Eastern Shore.

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As I sat in the booth and was greeted by the waitress, I noticed one thing absent from a traditional dining experience. Instead of conventional menus you will find something similar to a sushi list.

It offers various customizable sandwich and salad options as

Back Street Grill: casual elegance at a reasonable price

By Danny Ross
Staff Writer

well as some excellent sides, such as the local favorite, beach fries.

The menu is very reasonably priced with items starting at \$4.95, and almost all come in at under 10 dollars. There are also daily drink specials as well as discounts for those working in the restaurant business.

I quickly scan through and customized a garden burger as well as a veggie pocket that came overstuffed in a freshly baked pita. I also added a side of beach fries to top it off.

While waiting for my food I scanned over the restaurant and noticed it seemed to be nice and decorated and very contemporary. There were also several LCD televisions for viewing sports events. One slight drawback to the experience is that no matter where you are seated, you are in very close proximity to the bar. While this could be a good thing for some, I happened to drop in during a Maryland basketball game, and it was a little noisy.

My first impression was that the parking is a bit of an issue. There is a front lot as well as an oddly shaped back lot. Both lots were almost completely full when we arrived Saturday afternoon. A sign is posted to not park at the businesses next door or else you will be towed.

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Glasses were refilled several times during the meal and the server was very polite. I was offered dessert but was more than satisfied from the meal.

Over all, the Back Street Grill offers a trendy and relaxing atmosphere. While the parking may be lacking, the food and service certainly are not. If you are looking to break away from the ordinary and try something new, this is the place for you.

A brief history of President's Day

By Samantha Sullivan
Staff Writer

Electoral College unanimously voted Washington the United States of America's first president. He stressed a neutral foreign policy during the war between the French and the British, and warned against long-term alliances. When he died in 1799, the country mourned for months.

100 years after Washington's birth, in 1832, it was observed as a federal holiday with birth night balls and speeches given by prominent public figures.

If it were not for Abraham Lincoln, the country might not be "united" at all. He helped unite the Confederacy and Union after the Civil War and abolished slavery with the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. He put his country before himself despite the hardships he faced throughout his life.

Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in 1865. His birthday was recognized first in 1866 and while it was not considered a federal holiday, many states considered it a legal holiday.

In 1968, Congress passed legislation putting all federal holidays on Mondays to allow employees three day weekends. Finally, in 1971, President Richard Nixon combined Washington's and Lincoln's birthday into what is now Presidents Day.

President's Day is celebrated on the third Monday in February - a combination of George Washington's and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays.

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"I just ended a three year relationship about a month ago. I recently started hanging out with a different guy. I met him at work and we have a lot in common. I'm nervous about starting something new and getting too serious too fast. I also don't want to hurt my ex. How do you know if it's too soon?"

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throughout history whose influence has made America what it is today. In acknowledgement of these monumental leaders, fliers decorated the walls of the eatery. Langston Hughes, Carter G. Woodson and Muhammad Ali were just some of the familiar faces honored at the dinner.

For some, this special African American thanksgiving meant a memorial to those who gave their lives for human rights. For others, simply being able to get out of the house and have such a good meal



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"They said they thought I was funny in the interview," she said.

Ryan said that even though it wasn't the position she originally wished for, she really enjoys working as the comedy chair. "I love it now," Ryan said. "I wouldn't trade it."

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After attending the student activities fair, Ryan said she was interested in working on the concert committee. Ryan said she helped set up for the concerts and eventually applied for the SOAP concert chair position.

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Corrections 2/12 issue

*[More changes for the SU campus]

Carruthers Hall is scheduled for a renovation in the early summer of 2008 in preparation for the Perdue School's move into the building in mid-August, 2008. In the Summer of 2011 the Perdue School is scheduled to move out of Carruthers Hall and into their new 112,800 sq. ft. \$50+ million building befitting of the school's growth and reputation. Carruthers Hall is scheduled for demolition in the fall of 2011.

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The Flyer recognizes the major grammatical errors in the first issue. Sorry.

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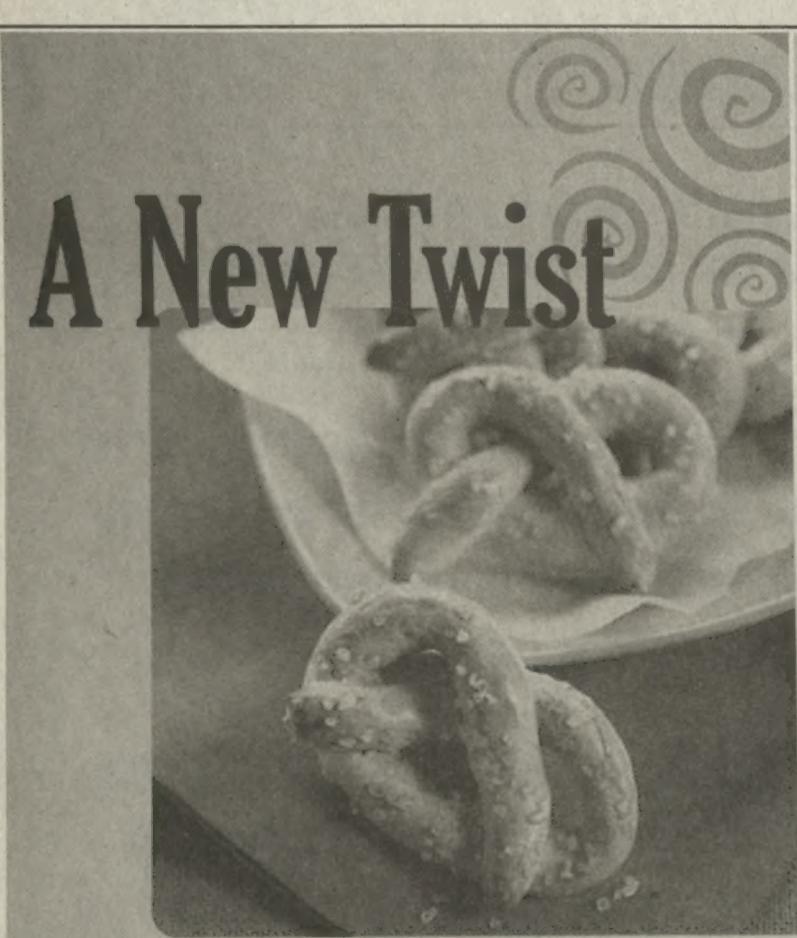
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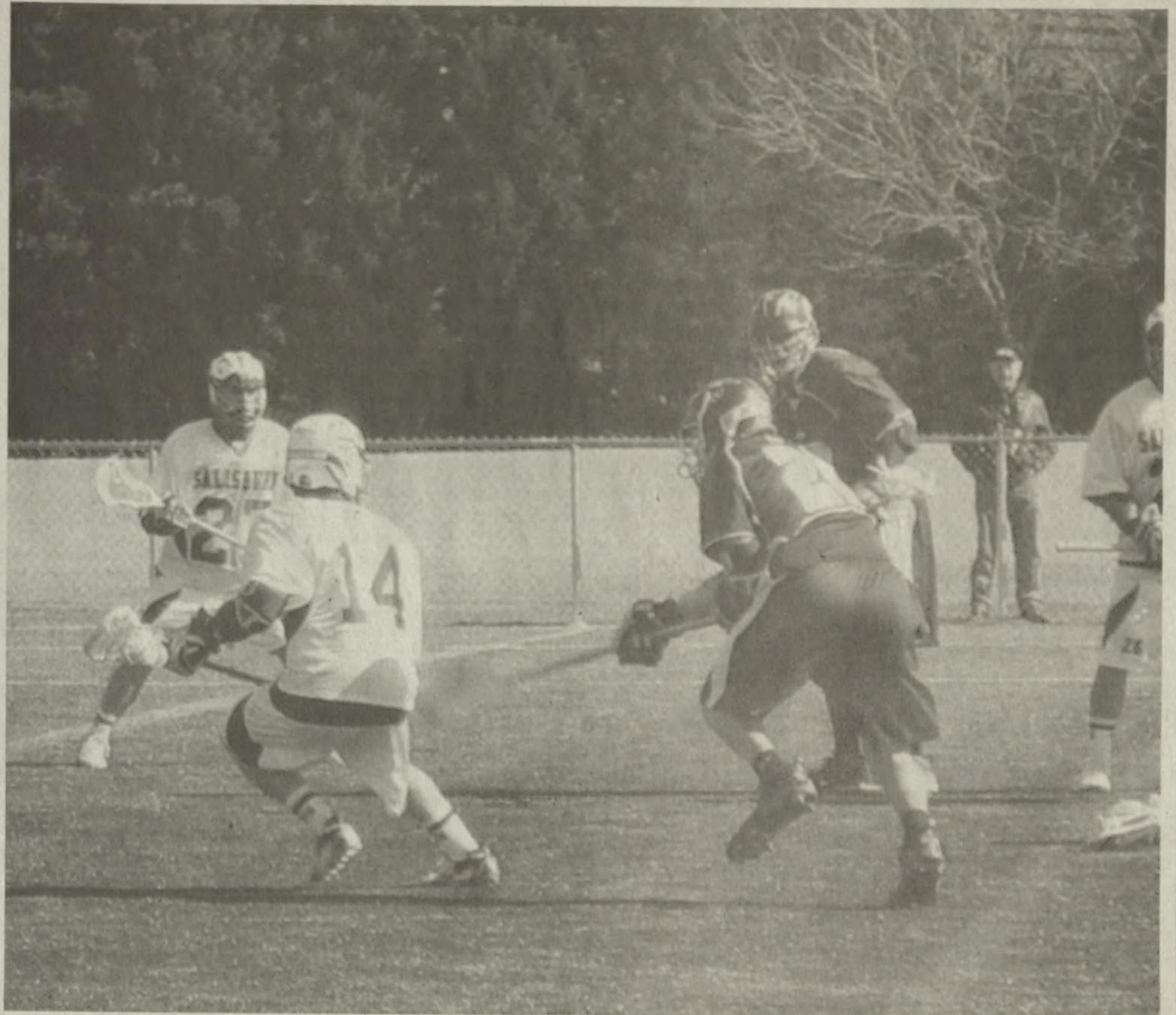
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Men's lacrosse starts off strong in season opener



Andrew Baker photo

Running into the record books

By Therran Dennis
Staff Writer

The Sea Gull track team ran their way into the school's record books on Feb. 2 at the Vince Brown Invitational at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, VA. Three records were broken at the meet. Some of these records had lasted as brief as seven days or as long as seven years.

The first of these records, the 400 meter dash, was broken by senior sprinter Colton Vander Vliet with a time of 52.03. The new record edged the previous mark, 52.09, set on Jan. 26, by fellow senior sprinter and rival Sam Singleton. "We always try our hardest," Vander Vliet said. "We push each other to become better." Although he realizes that there is competition between him and Singleton, Vander Vliet remains modest at best. "It is just a record; it doesn't mean as much. I just want to improve," he said. "You're only as good as your last performance and the week before at the Thomas Invitational at the University of Delaware I ran poor."

The second of these records, the 55 meter dash, a record that stood for four years, was broken by sophomore sprinter Justin Acker. Acker edged the previous mark of 6.62 with a time of 6.60.

The third of these records was the 3,000 meter run, a record that stood for seven years, which was broken by junior distance runner Kelly Sullivan. Sullivan shattered the previous mark of 11:00.29 with a time of 10:54.72. Sullivan currently holds the 5,000 m record with a time of 18:53.03.

Coach Jim Jones marveled at the history that took place at the competition. "It shows our program has continued to rise at a higher level each and every year," he said. "We've only had a few weeks of practice so far. It's a testament to the focus, work ethic and dedication of the student athletes we have."

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The Gulls started the game with senior attackers Matt Hickman and Greg Titus, junior midfielders Kyle Berkman and Patrick Bonanno, senior midfielders Ryan Brown and Ryan Browning, sophomore midfielder Connor Burgasser, senior defender Ben

Sandlin, junior defender Kevin Maynard and junior goalie Riley Clark.

Hickman posted the first goal for Salisbury within the first 37 seconds of the game. Titus finished the first quarter with another Salisbury goal in the last 38 seconds, helping SU jump out in front of Virginia Wesleyan 5-0.

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In the first three minutes of the second half, Hickman scored his first goal, giving the Sea Gulls an 11-3 lead. The Marlins came out in the third quarter looking for vengeance and scored their fourth, fifth and sixth goals. The fourth

quarter did not offer as much action as the earlier half of the game but saw the Sea Gulls adding five more goals to their already large lead. With 6:30 left in the game, goalie Krisoff was sent to play, followed by Pettit who entered the game with 1:23 left on the clock. Junior goalie Nick Fiorentino was sent to goal for the Gulls with 40 seconds left in the game. In the last 2.6 seconds of the game Virginia Wesleyan scored their final goal. The Gulls went on to defeat the Marlins 20-7.

Hickman, Bonanno, Berkman and Von Kamecke all scored three goals in the 20-7 victory. Titus and senior Kyle Burton each added two goals. Seniors Mike Lennon and Bruce Richardson each contributed a goal apiece to the Gulls offense. Sophomore Ryan Finch and freshman Dean Rossie scored the other two goals for the defend-

ing national champions. Hickman and Von Kamecke led the team in assists with two apiece. Finch, Burton, Titus and Kevin Custom all added assists.

Head Coach Jim Berkman was honored on the field at the end of the game for reaching the 300 win plateau. Coach Berkman boasts a 300-30 record in his 20 seasons at Salisbury. Berkman holds a 90.1 career winning percentage which marks the highest winning percentage of any lacrosse coach in any division. Berkman is 18 wins away from passing retired Army coach Jack Emmer's mark of 326 for most career wins all-time. Berkman and Emmer are the only two lacrosse coaches to pass the 300 win mark.

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next Saturday, Feb. 23 at noon in

Sea Gull Stadium and will look to start their season 2-0.



Two games with one theme: cancer awareness

By Erin Hart
Staff Writer

breast cancer awareness, concluding their regular season home schedule.

The Salisbury University women's basketball team took on Gallaudet University on Wednesday night at Maggs Center. The Lady Gulls defeated Gallaudet with a 49-35 victory. The Sea Gulls (9-13, 6-7 CAC) controlled the game, forcing the Bisons to commit 25 turnovers while giving up a season low in points - 35. Going into the second half, the lady Gulls held a 37-18 lead over the Bisons. Junior Lindsay Martin led the maroon and gold with 10 points, six rebounds, four steals and three assists. The Sea Gull's bench contributed 26 points in the win led by sophomore Shanice Roseborough (eight points), junior Marissa Manzo (six points and eight rebounds) and freshman Lauren Crehan who added seven points. The Gulls held their largest lead of the game, 22 points, with less than five minutes remaining. Brittany Payne led Gallaudet with 14 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks. Their loss to the Gulls marks their fifth straight loss. Wednesday's game fell on Coaches vs. Cancer night and the theme continued on Saturday with the "Think Pink" game versus Villa Julie to support

defeating them 68-51. The Gulls jumped out to an early 16-8 lead and followed it up with a 20-4 run midway through the first half. Junior Monica Merkel led the Gulls' attack with 19 points, five rebounds and one assist. Martin and Roseborough both added 13 points apiece. Roseborough also had game highs in steals (six) and assists (five). The Gulls' strong defense helped them to a 46-16 halftime lead over the visiting Mustangs. The Gulls' defense was relentless, causing the Mustangs to commit 22 turnovers. The Gulls turned the 22 Mustang turnovers into 26 points. The Mustangs appeared frustrated from the beginning and struggled to keep up with the Gulls throughout the entire game. Ashley Burrell led the way for the Mustangs with 15 points and six rebounds while Kristen Steiner added 11 points and five rebounds.

The Gulls turned the 22 Mustang turnovers into 26 points. The Sea Gulls dominated bench play outscoring Villa Julie 21-8.

The Salisbury women's basketball team will close out their regular season on the road against Marymount University on Wednesday, Feb. 20 and will travel to Hood College on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Salisbury tennis has high hopes for 2008

By Alex Ruoff
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's and women's tennis teams began the season at the Sea Gull open last weekend at the indoor Tennis Center.

"As far as the Capital Athletic Conference we're a heavy favorite for second and I hope first over Mary Washington," said Randy Halfpap, the men's and women's head coach. "We're a lot better than we were last season and we're going to battle."

The Sea Gulls ended last season with an impressive 17-7 record to secure second place behind nationally ranked Capital Athletic Conference rival University of Mary Washington. The Gulls finished tenth in the Atlantic South region while singles leader Matt Nicholson finished fourteenth despite a season-ending injury.

"We don't have all the experience we had last year," Halfpap said. "We're still a relatively young team, but we've grown and are ready this season. The tournament isn't until April so we got a lot of time to prepare."

Brendan Kincaid, the only senior on a young team, has provided the leadership and knowledge for his underclassmen to achieve that readiness. Kincaid went a combined 18-4 in doubles last year with three different partners and narrowly missed a trip to nationals. He was named first-team All-CAC honors along with Nicholson for the top doubles pair in the conference and was All-CAC second team as the No. 2 rated singles player. He ended the year ranked twenty-second in singles and fifth in the region in doubles.

Last year's team MVP, Evan Thomas, returns for his sophomore year after a stellar freshman performance. He went 21-2 while being rated the No. 3 and No. 4 singles player at different times. Thomas was named to CAC first-team singles and doubles with partner and fellow sophomore Scott Burzlaff.

Burzlaff posted a 17-5 record in singles and a 19-3 mark in doubles. In the CAC championship against UMW, he defeated the nationally-ranked opponent in singles and then teamed with Kincaid in a No. 1 doubles triumph. Like most of the Gulls, Burzlaff is anxiously optimistic about next season.

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Adrienne Price photo

SU men's basketball in three-way tie for final CAC playoff spot



Sarah Wright photo

By Tom Watson
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University men's basketball team finished their home schedule off strong with back-to-back wins in Maggs

Center this week. The Sea Gulls won the first of their two game home stand by defeating Gallaudet on Wednesday night.

The Sea Gulls (5-17, 3-10 CAC) outplayed conference foe Gallaudet (6-17, 4-10 CAC) before

a crowd of 271. Junior Sean Whittaker led the way scoring a career-high 22 points in his first start this month. Trailing by three with 6:14 left in the first half, the Gulls put together a 17-3 run to end the half behind a barrage of three pointers from junior Wesley Sweet and senior Gary Ward. Ward finished the game with 20 points and six steals while going six for 14 from behind the arc. Aided by stingy defense, the Gulls went into the locker room up 42-31. The Gulls were powered by the fierce play of senior Todd Ostrom, who finished with 12 of Salisbury's 18 bench points. Senior Jonas Vaitkus pulled in a team high, nine rebounds, as the Gulls went on to win 88-75.

SU suited up on Saturday afternoon for their final home game of the season against Villa Julie. The Gulls' three senior starters came up big on Senior Day. Ostrom finished with six points and four rebounds. Ward added 22 points and 10 rebounds and Vaitkus finished with a team high: 23 points. SU dominated the inside, scoring 26 points in the paint while outrebounding the Mustangs 40-28. Villa Julie was able to remain close going into the half down eight, 30-22. Villa Julie sophomore Gregory

Woody, who finished with a game high 28 points, helped lead an 8-1 run helping the Mustangs grab their first lead of the game at 47-45. Brandon Abney and Sean Whittaker, who combined for 22 points, helped lead the charge as the Gulls recorded their second highest shooting percentage in the second half this season, 65.4 percent. The Gulls defeated the Mustangs 79-72 and find themselves in a three way tie for the eighth and final CAC playoff spot.

The day also embraced the nationwide "Think Pink" theme in support of breast cancer awareness. From pink pom-poms to pink t-shirts and ribbons, everyone in attendance was in full support of the cause. The night held a special meaning for Head Coach Steve Holmes who has lost several family members to cancer. "Anything to support cancer...even if it means I have to wear pink," Holmes said.

Holmes roamed the sidelines wearing a bright pink tie. The Sea Gulls' postseason hopes are still alive as they finish the regular season with two road games against conference rivals. The Gulls travel to Marymount on Wednesday, Feb. 20 and to Hood College on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Student Athlete Spotlight Jonas Vaitkus

By Philip Speake
Staff Writer

Who do you model your game after or admire as a basketball player?

I compare my game to Elton Brand. We're both soft spoken undersized big men and he uses his skill set really well.

Was it tough not playing much early in your career?

Yes it was real tough. Every time I felt like I was close to getting more minutes I would get hurt. I have injured my ankles, my shoulder and my elbow. Now I'm finally healthy, knock on wood.

What's your favorite highlight in college?

I got my first dunk in college against Marymount this year on a fast break. I stole the ball and went right by their point guard for the slam.



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Pro Bowlers honor Sean Taylor

By Ben Muell
Staff Writer

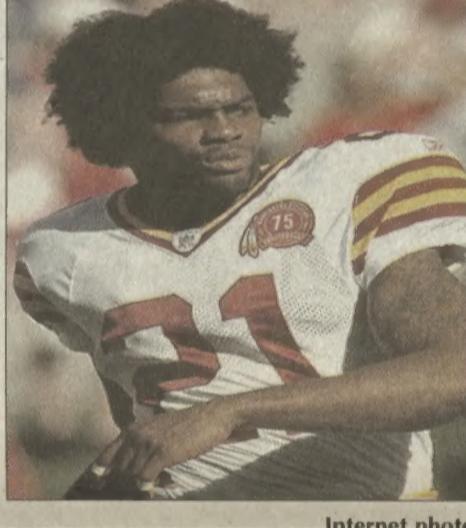
At the start of the 2008 Pro Bowl, the NFC defense took the field with only one safety deep, a play straight out of the Redskins' playbook, as they honored the late Sean Taylor. Taylor's whole family was in attendance to see the all-star tribute. Washington owner Daniel Snyder had paid for the family to spend the week in Hawaii and attend the Pro Bowl.

Redskins' pro bowlers Chris Cooley, Chris Samuels and long snapper Ethan Albright all wore Taylor's No. 21 jersey in his honor. The three were chosen as captains and represented the NFC during the coin flip. The jerseys were auctioned off to benefit the Sean Taylor Memorial Trust Fund, a fund established for Taylor's daughter, Jackie. The usually meaningless exhibition meant a little bit more this time. The NFC won 42-30 behind a 17-yard Cooley touchdown reception at the

end of the first half.

Taylor's presence was everywhere. Jerseys and memorials filled the stands as every helmet had a 21 decal placed on the back. Players remembered and talked about Taylor's infamous hit on Bills punter Brian Moorman. Plays like that help remind us of how great an athlete and player he was. It is a sad thing that Taylor's name has been added to a list of NFL players whose lives have been cut short.

Taylor was often criticized for his behavior off the field. When asked, Taylor often insisted he did not care what others said because he was enjoying his life and was taking advantage of the opportunities presented to him. Taylor proved that an individual with a reputation and a troubled past can change and mature into a respectable hard-working adult. The



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death of Sean Taylor also reminds us how precious and important life is. He left it all on the field and played every game as if he would never play again. Taylor is a good example of how important it is to live everyday like it is the last. God bless Sean Taylor, there will never be anyone quite like him ever again.

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Swimming

The Salisbury University swim team competed in the CAC swimming championships this weekend at St. Mary's College. The SU men's team set four school records in their first five events on Friday. Senior Cole Mangum set a new record in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.43 while finishing third overall. Sophomore Mike Ferrari added his name to the record books setting a new record in the 200 IM

with a time of 2:00.98 after grabbing a fourth place finish. The Sea Gulls men's relay teams set two school records on Friday. Drew Robichaud, Ferrari, Benjamin Overholt, and Mangum set the 400-medley relay record with a 3:42.52 while the team of Ross Spangler, Mangum, Brad Buckley, and Overholt set a new mark in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:27.53. As a team the Gulls sat in fourth place after day one.

Ferrari broke the school record in

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SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday-2/19

Women's Lacrosse
vs Christopher Newport
3:00 PM

Wednesday-2/20

Women's Basketball
vs Marymount (VA)
6:00 PM

Thursday-2/21

Men's Basketball
vs Marymount (VA)
8:00 PM

Friday-2/22

Baseball
vs Eastern
2:30 PM

Saturday-2/23

Track & Field
Mason-Dixon Indoor Track & Field Championships
9 AM @ CNU, Newport News, VA.

Baseball
vs Staten Island
Noon Doubleheader

Sunday- 2/24

Men's Lacrosse
vs Lynchburg 12:00 PM

Monday- 2/25

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